

# The Weekly Courier

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## FAYETTE CITY SUFFERS COSTLY BLAZE; LOSS WILL BE \$25,000.

**Flames Attack Business Section in Early Morning and Other Towns Send Aid.**

### FIREMEN HAVE HARD BATTLE.

**Mystery Surrounds Origin of Fire Which Started in Duke's Barber Shop—Telephone Girl Hearing of Catastrophe.**

**FAYETTE CITY, Oct. 21.—**The entire business section of this place was threatened with total destruction by fire which originated this morning at 1:30 o'clock in the barber shop of John Duke. Only after almost superhuman efforts on the part of the combined fire departments of Fayette City, Monaca, Belle Vernon and Charleroi was the conflagration stopped. The fire burned half a block on Main street and caused a loss estimated at \$25,000, partly covered by insurance.

Although it is impossible to estimate the amount of insurance on the property it is believed that the occupants of the buildings were fairly well protected.

The origin of the fire is not known. It had gained considerable headway in the barbershop when discovered and was fanned by a high wind. The adjoining building, occupied by Joseph Hamilton's restaurant, soon ignited and the flames then began to sweep the entire length of Main street from Union as far as the Citizens National Bank.

It was soon apparent that the Fayette City fire department would be unable to cope with the situation and calls for assistance were sent to Monaca, Charleroi and Belle Vernon, meeting with prompt response. Special trains were rapidly pressed into service and rushed the volunteer firemen to the scene.

In the work of securing assistance too much credit cannot be given Miss Grace Corwin, operator at the Bell Telephone exchange. Although the fire raged within a few doors of the exchange Miss Corwin stuck faithfully to her post and sent out call after call for aid from neighboring towns. Superintendent D. J. Murphy of the Bell company was summoned from Uniontown and with his force of men assisted the fire fighters in clearing away wires that hampered their work.

It was an hour after the fire started that the volunteers from other towns reached the scene. Many lines of hose sent their streams of water on the blaze and while it seemed as though the town was doomed when they arrived, within half an hour the blaze was under control. It stopped as it reached Fleming's bakery, adjoining the Citizen's National bank. This building was only partially destroyed.

So intense was the heat that all of the glass windows on the opposite side of the street were broken. The Fayette City National Bank, Forsythe's furniture store and Correll & Crowley's undertaking establishment were damaged by heat and water. So great was the heat that these buildings would frequently catch fire, which was quickly extinguished by the watchful firemen.

At four o'clock the fire was practically out and the visiting firemen returned home. The Fayette City department was then fully able to cope with the situation. The wind died down towards morning and this lessened the danger materially. The water supply was sufficient to meet the demands of the many hose lines. The water is secured from the Monongahela river and there was no shortage of it.

All of the burned buildings were two story frame structures and most of them were old. One of the town landmarks, the first Masonic temple of the town, went up in the conflagration.

The buildings destroyed were occupied by the following persons: John Duke, barber shop; Kara and Poal, jewelers; James Hamilton, restaurant; Dave Safer, fruit and confectionery; David Rosenberg, tailor; Charles Galette, shoes; John Furton, residence; Mrs. Ada Evans, residence; Deitz & Hildie milliners, and Neff Murphy, residence.

The heaviest individual loss was sustained by the jewelry firm which had a stock valued at \$4,500. They occupied the same building as Duke, the barber, in whose shop the fire is supposed to have originated.

The Citizens National Bank building was the only brick structure in the block and this might have saved the rest of the town even had the firemen not been so successful in their fight against the flames.

**Andy Convincs Magistrate.**

**UNIONTOWN, Oct. 17.—**Andy Manarie convinced Justice Daniel Bierer that he rightfully owns the horse he took from Sam's livery stable where it had been left by a horse trader. The charge of horse stealing preferred against Manarie was then dropped.

### LOCAL PASTOR HONORED.

**Rev. E. B. Burgess Named Historian of Pittsburgh Synod.**

Rev. E. B. Burgess, pastor of the local Trinity Lutheran church, is taking a prominent part in the annual convention of the Pittsburgh Synod which convened yesterday in Wheeling, W. Va. After exchanging greetings with the conference of the Anglican Episcopal church, now in session in Wheeling, the annual election of officers took place. Rev. Burgess was elected historian and a member of the advisory board of home missions. Rev. C. E. Front of Charleroi was elected recording secretary.

### FAMILY BREACH IS CLOSED BY JUDGE.

**Husband and Wife Seeking Divorce Leave Court Together, Reconciliation Being Effected.**

**UNIONTOWN, Oct. 20.—**After a divorce action in which the allegations on both sides were such that an amicable settlement seemed out of the question, Judge Van Swearingen got the principals together and effected a reconciliation. It all happened during the habeas corpus proceedings brought by Mary Kyle Sessler to secure possession of her little seven year-old son.

Sessler instituted divorce proceedings giving desertion of his wife as the cause. The wife replied with charges against her husband to effect his abuse her, drove her off and then lived with Isa Kyle, her sister.

The evidence failed to support to any degree, the contention of either party to the suit and it was then that a reconciliation was effected. The sister was sent to her parents' home and the estranged couple promised to end their quarrels. The Sesslers live on the German township farm of Dr. T. N. Eastman.

### TAX COLLECTOR IS AFTER DELINQUENTS.

**Commitments Will Be Issued for Many Within Next Few Days. Is Effective Method.**

**Tax Collector George B. Brown has resumed activities in getting back taxes. He has again resorted to the practice of issuing commitments for delinquents, usually a most effective method of bringing them to time.**

The habit of marking churches, private residences, and business places with chalk has come to such a point that it is necessary to have it abated both for the moral good and the cleanliness of the town. The Woman's Culture Club has the interest of the beautifying of the town at heart and will no doubt take further steps toward the improvement of the town.

### NEWSPAPER MEN MEET.

**Western Pennsylvania Associated Dailies Elects Officers.**

The annual meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Associated Dailies, was held in Pittsburg Monday and the following officers were chosen for the coming year: President, H. P. Snyder, Connellsville Courier; First Vice President, A. H. Walters, Johnstown Tribune; Second Vice President, Crombie Allen, Greensburg Press and Tribune; Secretary and Treasurer, John L. Stewart, Washington Reporter; and a Lieutenant: Executive Committee, C. L. Slough, of the New Castle Herald; R. L. Pegley of the Oil City Dorick, Jesse Long of the McKeesport News, C. P. Howe of the Tarentum News, and J. T. Simpson in the Kittanning Times.

### "CITY BEAUTIFUL"

### MOVEMENT IS ON.

**Culture Club Takes Up Question of Chalk Nuisance.**

### WILL PROTEST TO COUNCIL.

**Disfiguring of Public and Private Buildings Has Come Under Ban and Other Societies Will Be Asked to Join Movement.**

The first step was made last evening by the Woman's Culture Club toward a "City Beautiful" when at the regular semi-monthly meeting, the city committee, composed of Mrs. F. O. Goodwin, Dr. Katherine Wakefield, Mrs. Mary Scott and Mrs. W. H. Cotton, was authorized to confer with the various organizations of the town, such as the Women's Missionary Society and Ladies Aid Societies, the Teachers' Association and the Ministerial Association and others asking them to enter protests to Town Council in regard to having the chalk nuisance abated and to ask Burgess A. D. Sosman personally to have the practice stopped.

The court hereby directs that you, William L. Cate, be taken back to the county jail, from whence you came and be kept there until such time as the Governor of this Commonwealth shall appoint when you shall be brought forth to the place of execution and be hanged by the neck until dead. And may God have mercy on your soul."

"I'll never hang," shouted Cate as he was led from the room.

### "I'LL NEVER HANG," DECLARES WM. CATE.

**Convicted Murderer Creates Sensation After Sentence Is Passed Upon Him.**

### EXECUTION ORDERED BY COURT.

**Prisoner Declares His Fate Unjust. Says He Was Drunk When He Killed Man and Points Out Two Have Died Who Appeared Against Him.**

### DIED AT VANDERBILT.

**Mrs. Catherine Laughrey, Aged Resident Passes Away.**

After an illness of two months Mrs. Catherine A. Laughrey, aged 71 years, died Monday at her home at Vanderbilt. Funeral services were held at the residence of her son, D. L. Laughrey, at Vanderbilt Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. Internment in Dickerson Run cemetery.

Mrs. Laughrey was widely known in Vanderbilt and vicinity, having spent the greater part of her life in and near Vanderbilt for about 40 years. She is survived by three children, Mrs. J. W. Cooper of Uniontown, D. L. Laughrey of Vanderbilt, and James Laughrey of Seadale. One sister Mrs. Calvin Hollings of Mt. Pleasant and two brothers, David Harbaugh of Waterford, Kan., and Samuel Harbaugh of Vanderbilt, twelve grandchildren and one great grandchild also survives.

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## THE COKE TRADE HOLDS ITS OWN.

**With Fewer Ovens in Blast Last Week's Production Maintained.**

### DROUGHT BECOMING ALARMING.

**Plants Close Down on Account of a Shortage of Water and the Turn of Affairs Creates Activity, With an Advance in Furnace Coke and More Inquiries.**

**SUMMARY**  
For the week ending October 1<sup>st</sup> 1908  
Total In Out  
Districts Coke Blast Blast Tons  
Cville . . . 14,407 9,706 14,741 106,628  
La Cville . . . 1,100 786 276 4,667  
Total . . . 37,622 17,621 20,011 108,214

**PREDICTION WEEK.**  
Cville . . . 14,107 10,109 1,528 119  
La Cville . . . 1,064 7,585 3,441 114  
Total . . . 37,501 18,122 19,303 91,713

**SHIPMENTS**  
Aggregates from both regions, in cars  
for the week ending October 1<sup>st</sup> 1908  
To Pittsburg district 3,129  
To Points West of Pittsburg 4,111  
To Points East of Connellsville 440  
Total . . . 7,670

**PREVIOUS WEEK.**  
To Pittsburg district 3,229  
To Points West of Connellsville 4,311  
To Points East of Connellsville 44  
Total . . . 7,770

Coke production maintained the strength that developed the previous week, although an even smaller number of ovens were in blast. The ovens that were dropped this week were closed down on account of the drought, which is now becoming an extremely serious matter. It is so serious in many parts of the coke region that consumers are becoming anxious and are now entering the market with the old time buying spirit. As a result of this activity, the prices have received a substantial boom in the past week and \$1.50 is the price quoted for fresh furnace.

The independent operators seem to have the better of the contracting all through the two regions and it is whispered in some quarters that the United States Steel Corporation is looking to the preservation of its best coke as playing the game of buying coke cheap through brokers in order to prolong its supply. This would not be surprising in view of the fact that with the present prices but a very small margin of profit can be realized by the independent operators. However, the independents seem to be very well satisfied with the situation and have been selling on contracts for January 1 and April 1.

Viewing the outlook from the coke situation there appears to be a better feeling prevailing in the iron market and a belief that a revival of business is near at hand. Last week large orders were placed for finished materials and there was more talk of buying and the fact that the consumers of coke are anxious to be sure of a fuel supply indicates that they expect better times instead of duller ones.

Taking it as a whole the coke trade has shown a very good movement in the past few weeks. Sales have been cleaned up and the contracts now on hand indicate a curtailed but continuous business until the close of the year.

The summary of The Courier for the week ending Saturday October 17 1908 shows that there was a total of 193,213 tons of coke produced of which the Connellsville region produced 103,215 tons and the Lower Connellsville region 91,667 tons. Of this amount the Connellsville region produced for furnace interests 81,716 and 22,172 for the open market. The Lower Connellsville region produced 28,784 tons for the furnace interests and 65,882 for the open market.

The weekly bulletin prepared by George B. Irvine of the Independent Coke Producers Association for the week ending October 17 is as follows:

At the close of the week ending October 17 the total number of available ovens in the region numbered 30,775. An additional 6,770 ovens were in blast during the week. The increase was due to the turning of additional ovens by the Lower Linn Connellsville Coke Company and the completion of 31 ovens at the Greenwood mine of the Dunlap Connellsville Coke Company. Less 2 ovens dropped or 15 credited to the Peru Mining Company.

Owing to the scarcity of water the Frick coke company bailed 1 ton every 20 feet in the north end of the region (60 at Standard, 10 at Southwark, 22 at Union and 24 at Eastern) and the Rainey company put out 200 ovens that had been in operation at Acme.

Our reports of the Frick coke company operations are in agreement with the data published in the weekly bulletin of the region. The Frick company operated their works last week for a period of 24 days. The independent interests in the region average 35% days. Following is a summary of the performance during the week:

No. 1 Out Per Operator Out P. & R. Blast 100% C. In  
1,100 1,100 100% 1,100 11  
Cochran In 4,111 786 1,528 11  
Oliver & S. 12,188 940 1,100 11  
Other 1,064 786 11  
Total 16,776 17,621 20,011 477

\*Approximately

From the above we find the Frick coke company's active ovens left off 50% of their blast. The Frick company held 4 per cent of their interest, held their own and the other independent interests gained 4% per cent as compared with the report of the preceding week.

The yards of the Frick company are pretty well stocked up with coke and sledges standing full of loads.

The Frick coke company agent for the Pennsylvania railroad informs us that the total shipment of coke from the region last week was as follows:

To Pittsburgh . . . 737 tons

West of Pittsburgh . . . 217 tons

Total . . . 954 tons

as compared with 6,170 tons shipped the preceding week showing a falling off of but 6 tons in shipment.

Lords have been standing on sledges for a long time re being moved and the drought continues much if not all the time that has been said to stand will be cleared up in all probability.

Detailed reports of blast furnace operations have not been received in the Pittsburgh district, however 10 of the 10 ovens were in blast October 17 an additional 6,770 ovens were put in blast during the week. The six of these eight ovens in blast No. 100 still has the remains of 27 trucks on side of the 11th bar, the truck showing 160 mds and 65 mds a gain of 10 since July 1.

The American Metal Market and Daily Iron and Steel Report says:

There has been a substantial improvement in the prices for furnace coke but the prices have not reached a point high enough to induce a general consumption by the independent concern.

Some interesting 1/2 iron transactions have been made in the central west the Pittsburgh Steel Company buying 10,000 tons of prompt basic iron from Shadithers for 1/2 iron and sending it to a five year old trust.

The Pittsburgh Steel Company contracted with M. A. Hanna & Company for 10,000 tons of pig iron beginning November at seven per cent over actual production cost except that in case may the price exceed 100% of the market value.

Companies have sold 10,000 tons of 1/2 iron from Shadithers for 1/2 iron and 10,000 tons of 1/2 iron from the Pittsburgh Steel Company for 10,000 tons of 1/2 iron.

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The Pittsburgh Steel







## YOUNG WOMAN IS KILLED BY TRAIN

Hesitancy of Mary Premes on Railroad Track Proves Fatal.

### WAS OBSCURED BY SMOKE.

Returning Home Early on Sunday Morning From Her Work Girl is Hurled Hundred Feet and Instantly Killed Near Davidson Tower

Mary Premes aged 18 was struck and instantly killed Sunday morning by the northbound Pennsylvania passenger train. She was on her way to her home near Swartzendrown after working all night as cook in the West Penn restaurant as the accident occurred.

A dead dog lay beside the railroad tracks and it is presumed that the girl stopped for an instant upon coming upon the carcass. Her hesitancy was fatal. The passenger train rushed down upon her and before the engineer could stop the engine struck and hurled the lifeless body a hundred feet beyond.

The accident occurred about 100 feet beyond the Davidson tower. Smoke from the mountain fires hung over the scene and made objects almost invisible from a distance.

The body was placed on the train which backed into Connellsville. It was left at the end taking establishment of J. E. Sims, Coroner H. J. Bell visited the scene a short time later and decided an inquest would be held.

The girl was the daughter of Fred and Henrietta Preimes of Connellsville township. She is survived by a number of brothers and sisters. The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock from the house and services were held an hour later from the German Lutheran church. Interment was in Hill Grove cemetery.

### HARRY LOGAN KILLED BY TRAIN AT FULLER.

While on Way to Connellsville He Fell Off and Body is Ground to Pieces

Harry Logan son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Logan of the Association Grounds Connellsville was killed Sunday at Fuller station by a Brattleboro & Ohio coke train. A train made up of C. L. & S. F. coke cars in charge of Engineer J. G. Miller and Conductor Frank Conway died out of the Glenwood yards during the evening and Logan boarded it to come to Connellsville being acquainted with one of the trainmen.

At a point opposite Fuller station the trainmen missed him but supposed that he had gotten on some where along the road. They did not learn of his death until this morning when his body was found along the road ground to pieces. Logan was riding well up in front of the train and coke cars and train No. 10 must have passed over him last night.

When found on Monday the only means of identification was a card of the Royal Order of Moose. Funeral Director Blair of Indianapolis pasted this card together and learned the man's name. The crew then confirmed the story that the man had been riding on the train.

The remains were brought to the young man's home Monday at 6 o'clock. He was about 15 years old and resided with his parents. He is survived by a brother Thomas Logan a well known Baltimore & Ohio man chemist.

### SOME STILL NIBBLE AT OLD SWINDLE.

Postoffice Inspectors Running Down Clues in Spanish Scheme—Might Have Been Attempted Here

Officials of the post-office department are running down an ancient swindle which seems more effective the older it gets. It is said "if one or two prominent foreigners or the coke region have been approached by emissaries of the system and inspectors of the postal branch are seeking the offenders."

It is the old Spanish swindle that is being worked. The prospective victim receives a letter from a distant relative for the purpose of the scheme only stating that he is being held prisoner in Spain. The aforesaid prisoner who usually is at the point of death has a fortune on deposit in the United States but the certificate of deposit is locked up in a false sound box in the court of law and bound until the cost of the trial has been satisfied.

There is usually a girl in the case who is gone in Spain without a proton. The newly bound relative is told that the girl will accompany him to America, bring the deposit certificates to America and then divide the fortune.

After the money is sent to release the value nothing further is heard from the prisoner.

### ZALMON BUSKIRK DEAD

Was Well Known in this Section Where He Lived Many Years Zalmon Buskirk, aged 69 years, a former resident of South Connellsville died Wednesday in Weston, W. Va. where he was taken for medical treatment some time ago. The body was brought here Friday night on B. & O. train No. 51 and removed to the home of his son-in-law, E. F. Bowen on Gibson avenue, South Connellsville.

Mr. Buskirk was born and reared near Louisacong, Md. He is well known throughout Somerset county having resided in Contingee and South Connellsville for a number of years. He was married three times. His third wife died about six months ago. Two of the first union two children survive Mrs. E. D. Dower and William A. Buskirk of South Connellsville. Three children, Miss James S. Alp of South Connellsville, James and John Buskirk of Thomas, W. Va. survive to the second union. Mr. Buskirk resided in South Connellsville for three years.

### GUNNING TRIP HAS FATAL END FOR HALL

Stewart Township Young Man Shot Himself Accidentally.

### THE FIRST HUNTING ACCIDENT.

Gun Slips From Hand of Judson Hall and Charge of Shot Enters Abdomen Killing Him Instantly Near Chalk Hill

The first hunting accident of the season in this section occurred about 10 o'clock Saturday, not far from Ohioport when Judson Hall, aged 19, son of Stewart Hall, a prominent farmer of Stewart township was instantly killed by the accidental discharge of his shotgun.

Hall placed his gun on a stump as he and his companion sat at a table about two miles from Chalk Hill. The weapon slipped and was discharged, the bird taking effect in Hall's abdomen. Leaving the body in the field with Thompson Johnson a companion was sent for help. They were unable to secure Coroner H. J. Bell but he could not be reached. District Attorney Henderson gave permission for the body to be removed and transported to the young man's home.

Hall was buried in the cemetery in Chalk Hill. When a young man he spent his time in the hills.

He has been employed at the farms of the Plumb and Coffey families at West Newton and was returning to his home when the accident occurred.

He was a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Dunbar.

He is survived by his widow and his brothers, Thomas of Rossdale,

John of West Newton and Miles of Clarksburg, W. Va.

### STEPS INTO DEATH'S PATH ON RAILROAD.

Anthony Filburn Is Killed By Train Near West Newton.

### LIVED HERE TWENTY YEARS.

In Getting Out of Way of One Train He Steps Before Another Coming in Opposite Direction and is Instantly Killed

While walking along the B. & O. rail road tracks between Scottstown and West Newton the sister of an afternoon Anthony Filburn, aged 20, resident of Connellsville for more than 20 years, was run down by the freight No. 4 and instantly killed. He saw a train approaching on the round track and turned to escape but ran down stepped on the opposite track and was run down by a west bound train.

The body was placed on board B. & O. train No. 13 and was removed to McMechan. On learning that the coroner's request would have to be held in the courtroom in which the man was killed the body was removed to West Newton on where the inquest was held Monday morning. The body arrived late Monday afternoon and was moved to his home on Washington Avenue. It was high mass was celebrated at the Immaculate Conception church of which the deceased was a member and interred in the lawns of St. John's Cemetery.

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### MAN WHO FLEECED SECTION SUICIDES.

Antoine Mazzarelli, Frenchman, Who Got Foreigners Money Takes His Life.

### ORGANIZING WAS HIS CRAFT.

Is Found Dead in New York Hotel Was Considering Suicide When in Uniontown Last Year—Denunciation Was Cause for Act

Campaign Contributions to Democratic Cause Show More Than \$24,000 Has Been Given

NEW YORK Oct. 15.—William T. Bryan's promised announcement of the list of contributions of the Democratic National campaign fund was made today and came in a statement over the signature of Chairman Norris L. Mack and Treasurer Herman in Ridder. It shows that of \$48,761 a sum was received up to and including October 9, \$0,712.33 came in contributions of \$100 or more, \$115.75 came in contributions of less than \$100 each and \$12,000 was left over from the Democratic convention fund. The statement shows that \$22,962.55 has been spent and that the balance on hand is \$2,299.67. A sum is paid for \$100 additional to each on the remainder of the campaign.

It is the Italian paper in New York City came out in a violent denunciation of the Frenchman in view of his conduct in connection with the socialist organization. It is believed he had no authority to organize the same which would be reduced a character from the party organization. It is believed he is above the Frenchman to stand.

On March 20, 1907, Mazzarelli gave a banquet at the Cliff Hotel in Uniontown for a few days after his arrival in this country in Paris studying art. She is a French woman who has achieved no little success in art. In March 1908 she was highly honored in the French government when i accepted in private Mon. Guinevere at the spring salon.

M. Mazzarelli expects to return to Paris to see her again to lecture on art.

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## COUNTY SCHOOLS SHOW INCREASE.

Thirty Teachers Added at Beginning of Present Term.

TO REACH 1,000 IN THREE YEARS

Growth Has Been Steady and Superintendent Is Kept on Go In Order to Visit Them—Some Rooms Are Overcrowded.

Fayette county contains thirty more schools this year than it did last year, having a total of 756 teachers within the borders of the county. Superintendent of Schools C. G. Lewellyn is already making his rounds of the schools and is at present visiting the mountain districts of this section of the county. He was in Connellsville on October 15.

In speaking of the growth of the schools in this county Prof. Lewellyn stated that he expected under normal conditions that three years from now would find 1,000 school teachers employed in Fayette county.

The growth of schools has been little short of remarkable in this county. In number of schools the county ranks possibly fifth in the State.

In order to visit all these schools during the term and attend to his office duties the superintendent is kept on the go steadily. Many of the schools are scattered over the mountain districts and it is necessary to make his car between 9 and 10 o'clock there is little time for him to pay a visit of any length at the different schools.

A new condition existed at the beginning of the present school year and that was an over supply of teachers. For several years the officials of the different schools have been rather hard put to secure instructors in the different schools, but this year after all the schools had been supplied there was in the neighborhood of half a hundred teachers left over. They readily secured positions however in other counties where the supply was shorter, many of them securing places in the adjoining counties.

During the present year it is possible that some changes in districts will be made in the county. At present in some of the outlying districts the attendance at some of the schools is more than can be properly handled by the teachers while in others there is a scarcity of pupils. An effort will be made to equalize this feature as far as possible and the visitors of the superintendents will have some bearing upon this when it comes up at meetings of the boards of some of the districts.

Possibly no count, in the State is better equipped in a general way than Fayette. Although the schools in many instances are widely scattered great care has been taken as to the supplies and equipment. The county has been particularly fortunate in securing exceptional instructors and taken altogether the schools are a credit to the county.

## SENSATIONAL CHARGE IN DIVORCE SUIT.

Wife in Counter Action Accuses Husband of Living With Her Sister Hearing Monday

UNIONTOWN Oct 15.—In the suit for divorce brought by Frank G. Sessler, manager of Dr. F. N. Eastman's farm near Uniontown, sensational counter charges have been filed by the wife, Mary L. Sessler.

In a suit of habeas corpus to secure possession of her seven year old son Paul J. Sessler serious allegations are made against the husband who seeks release from the marital ties which bind him.

Mrs. Sessler not only accuses her husband of cruel and inhuman treatment, but says that he is not lawfully living with her sister, Ida Kyle. The habeas corpus hearing will be held next Monday at 10 o'clock when the family troubles will be aired. Sessler through his attorney sought to keep the divorce matter quiet but the habeas corpus actions brought out the story. Sessler claims desire as grounds for his convictions against his wife.

## ANOTHER LUCKY ESCAPE

R. S. Coll Leaves Bisse Before Fire Sweeps Town

Raymond S. Coll, the city editor of The Courier, seems to be traveling in luck. But a few weeks ago he left Bisbee, Arizona, following several big floods and now the press reports state that the town was barely saved from entire destruction by fire. A fire swept over the town Wednesday night causing \$500,000 damage, destroying almost the entire business section in order to save a portion of the town it was necessary to resort to dynamiting. There are 500 homeless people. The fire originated in the Grand Hotel where Mr. Coll and his family resided while in Bisbee.

Mr. Coll removed a few weeks ago from Bisbee to Douglas, Arizona, where he has purchased a newspaper plant.

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## HUNTERS WANT LATER SEASON FOR RABBITS.

Bunnies Are Now in Poor Condition and Season Should Open in November.

Rabbit hunters in this country are generally disengaged with the legal season for hunting bunnies opening October 15, as it is entirely too early the rabbits being in poor condition and affording little or no sport. Most sportsmen say they will not take advantage of the opening days but will wait until November when the rabbits are in good condition to be hunted, their flesh being firm and hard, instead of soft and slimy in October. Late in the year they afford much more sport, giving the dogs merry chase and when the hunter heels a rabbit over he generally has to exercise some skill to do so.

The farmers in some sections of the State have posted signs forbidding hunting on their lands until November 1 in order to prevent the hunting of rabbits before that time. If the rabbits obey the law, those will be excellent hunting on their farms when the time arrives. There are some farmers who will allow the hunting at all upon their farms during the whole season.

There is no law in this section of the State for the present rabbit season. It is too early for fall and November and December would be sufficient or even to please the hunters in all portions of the State. The passage of a law by the next Legislature will make the seasons different according to sections of the Commonwealth. The game is ready and in good condition in the northern and western sections long before it is here and the farmers there are also done their fall work and ready for hunting but in this section the work is still going on and the majority of rabbits are not in condition for the table many of them being hardly half grown. The law should open the season on October 15 in the northern and western counties and not in this section until at least fifteen days later if even then. Many of the hunters advocate November 15th as an even better date for the commencement of hunting.

## RECEIVES 2,000 VOLTS BUT WILL RECOVER.

Miner Caught by Trolley Wire Is Held Rigid But Recovers Quickly

WEST NEWTON Oct 15.—Although an electric current of over 2,000 volts held him rigid several minutes, and burnt his skin almost to the windpipe, John Hancheck a Russian miner at the Forest Hill mines of the Elsworth Coal Company did not die again.

Preparing to leave the mine vesta in the morning after his night's work Hancheck jumped on a trip wire which caught the collar of his coat. This was a flash of blue flame and the man stuck to the wire while flames ate into his throat and seared his face. Other miners hurriedly uncoupled the ears and pushed them back. Dislodged from his position the burning man dropped to the rails.

All thought Mancheck dead but he lived in undercarriage's wagon until he was found. They are Colonel Richard Coulter of the tenth Regiment N. G. Cavalry, the Phillips War and prominent in business circles Mrs. Robert Coulter, Mrs. Henry W. Coulter, Major in the tenth Regiment also a veteran of the Philippine war; Alexander Coulter, William A. Coulter and Miss Margaret Coulter all of Greensburg.

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President Murray Views Future With Cheerful Promise of Return of Prosperity.

### PASSENGER BUSINESS BETTER.

Road Suffered From General Depression During Year Just Closed But Hope is Held Out for Resumption of Business.

BALTIMORE, Md., October 16.—The 82nd annual report of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, which was sent to the stockholders today, shows that the gross earnings for the fiscal year ended June 30 last were \$73,606,731, a decrease of \$8,665,449 from those of the preceding year, when the earnings were considerably the largest in the many years' history of the company.

President Oscar G. Murray briefly but pointedly discusses the sudden change in business conditions during the year, and views the future as giving the cheerful promise of a full return of prosperous conditions within the present year. "The general business situation throughout the country which was so promising the early part of the fiscal year," says President Murray in the report, "was subsequently seriously disturbed, and the diminished traffic and consequent earnings of our company illustrate the extent of the widespread depression which has marked all branches of industry and trade. There exists at this time a hopeful view that, with the promising condition of the crops and development of more conservative views, the coming year will show a marked reaction and improvement, if not complete recovery."

For the fiscal year the report shows gross earnings of the entire system amounting to \$73,606,731, being a decrease of \$8,665,449, as compared with 1907, the former year: expenses, \$58,204,106; net earnings, \$21,402,241. This includes the operation of the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railroad and other controlled or affiliated lines, making the total for the system of 4,145 miles.

The statement results from operation of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, including 3,992 exclusive of the controlled or affiliated lines, for the year, given in tabulated form, shows the following:

EARNINGS	
Freight Trade	\$55,681,782
Passenger Traffic	13,726,106
Express	1,475,729
Miscellaneous	1,211,353
Operations other than transportation	3,078,220
Total	\$75,606,731

EXPENSES

Maintenance of Way

Maintenance of Equipment

Traffic

Transportation

General expense

Total expenses

The net earnings from operation were \$19,157,941.83; \$7,566,928.89, decrease. Percentage of expenses to earnings, 73.8%; 6.8%, increase. Other income, \$4,354,746.29; \$219,726.99, increase. Gross income, \$23,812,445.22; \$7,586,291.90, decrease. After payment of interest on funded debt, taxes which show an increase of \$267,501.14, other fixed charges together with \$267,950.33 expended for miscellaneous betterments and improvements during the year, shows a net income of \$10,156,731.93; a decrease compared with 1907 of \$7,288,841.90. Out of the net income there was paid two dividends aggregating 4 per cent. on the preferred stock and one semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent. on the common stock aggregating \$6,065,274.87. The remaining surplus of \$1,191,513.06 was credited to the profit and loss account which sum added to the amount to credit of profit and loss June 30, 1907, \$10,739,442.03; made a total of \$22,001,056.08, from which was deducted a semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent. on the common stock, \$4,365,274.87, and for sundry adjustments, \$600,337.93, leaving a net amount to credit of profit and loss June 30, 1908, \$17,836,442.23.

During the year rolling equipment was depreciated \$1,582,029.56 leaving equipment in service June 30, 1908, consisting of 1,929 locomotives, 1,170 passenger cars, 82,507 freight cars and 2,078 work cars. The expenditures for construction and betterments for the 12 months ended June 30 aggregated \$6,375,922, less by \$2,610,815 than that of last year.

The balance sheet as of June 30 shows total assets and liabilities of the company \$530,245,199.66.

While the large volume of freight carried over the road amounted to 49,458,211 tons, it represented a decrease of 8,960,054 tons, when compared with the high record year of 1907. The average earnings per ton per mile was .56¢ as against .57¢ in 1907. Products of the mine furnished nearly 65 per cent. of the total tonnage. There was carried 21,731,393 tons of soft coal, a decrease of 1,196,181; \$.67¢, 792 tons of coke, a decrease of 2,191.95¢.

The passenger business during the year was good when considering adverse conditions, the number of passengers carried aggregating 38,774,068, an increase of 1,304,368. While there was this large increase in the number of passengers there was a decrease of \$85,730 in the earnings. The average rate received per passenger per

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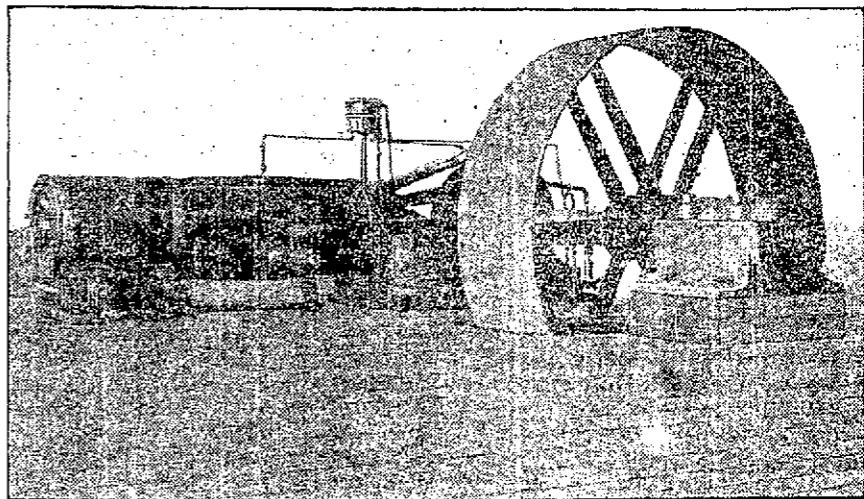
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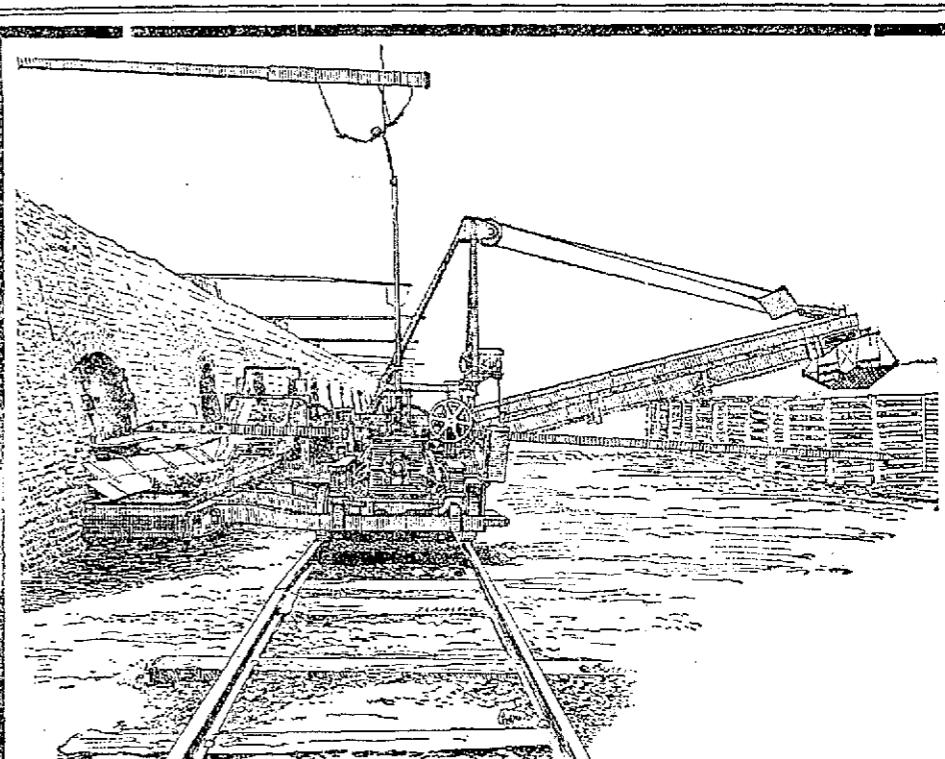
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